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1. The land development program in Iraq [redacted] is making great progress. Up to now /May 1954/ more than 40 thousand families have been given farms. Each farm is required to have one acre of orchard, an acre of poultry feed, at least an acre or the total needed acres for livestock feed and the remainder of the acreage must be planted with crops of commercial value such as wheat, etc.
2. [redacted] the agricultural extension or similar program in Iraq has the mission of teaching the recipients of land how to do the job. Many have never been on farms before. If a man does not progress and fails to work as he should, the land is taken away from him and given to someone who will. When the inquiry was made as to what percentage have to be repossessed, [redacted] "From three to four per cent". One or two out of a hundred may be taken back because of the low quality of land, salinity problems, or other such factors over which the farmer had no control. Generally, the program is very satisfactory and successful. [redacted] this program is doing much to increase production and especially self-sufficiency both on the part of the family and the country.

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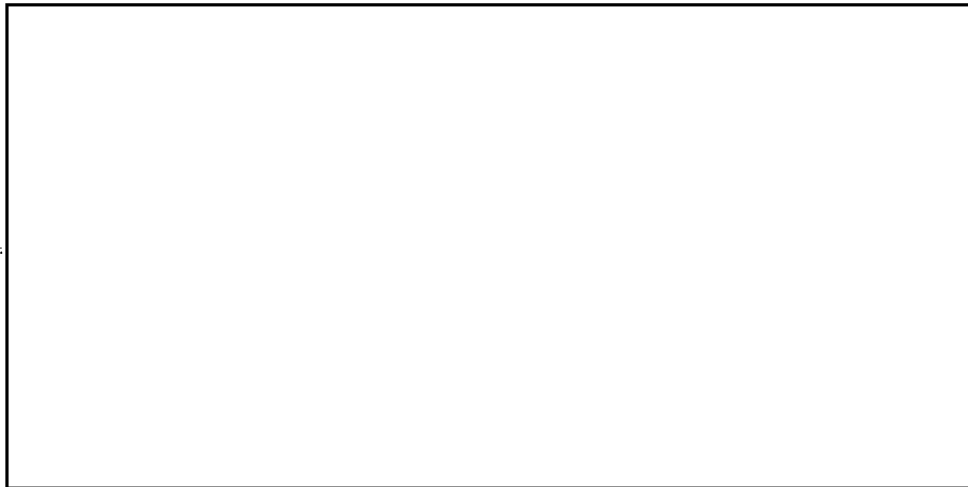
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5. [redacted] there is no official Communist Party in Iraq, but there are some sympathizers who live in the north. For the most part, they are sympathizers for the reason of hunger and lack of work. Apparently, some have been given land and have become immediately anti-Communist. Communism in his country [redacted] gets no consideration except where there is hunger, lack of jobs, and exploitation.

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